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Biotechnology Orientation Conferences	On a number of occasions Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has assisted United States Department of Agriculture/Federation of American Scientists (USDA/FAS) in Biotechnology Orientation Conferences designed to introduce regulatory officials from other countries to the US system for regulating bio-engineered foods in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Explanation of the US FDA's role in the regulation of bioengineered foods 39 from 19 Caribbean countries. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	1,200
Caribbean Intern Scholarship Program (CRISP)	The Intern/Scholarship Program is being managed by the Center for Management Development in Barbados and has been designed to fund the training of persons in the public and private sectors in targeted areas related to trade and competitiveness. This focus is expected to impact positively the trade development and competitiveness in key sectors within the Caribbean region. CRISP was officially launched on March 6, 2003, and an Advisory Council comprised of 8 representatives from the wider Caribbean Community has been established. An Operations manual has also been prepared to guide the Implementation process along with a Training Manual to address training objectives in selected emphasis areas. Five candidates have already been selected by the Center for Management Development in association with the Academy for Educational Development/Aurora, for long-term scholarships. Short and medium term programs are currently being developed. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Business Services & Training	1,000,000
Caribbean Trade & Competitiveness (C-TRADECOM)	C-TRADECOM is a program targeted at assisting the countries of the Caribbean to improve their capacity to participate more effectively in the international trade arena. The program seeks to improve the competitiveness of the region, in particular the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States countries. The program is a design program that will include: (1) country and firm level support, (2) training in trade facilitation, and (3) upgrading of relevant legislation. Approval was recently given to the design of the program as presented by the institutional contractor, CARANA Corp., who is currently mobilizing to place its regional office in Barbados, in support of the implementation of the C-TRADECOM program. Initial projects will include intensive training sessions for Government Officials on key trade issues, establishment of a regionally focused 'Briefing Room', and development of a Center of Competitiveness at the University of the West Indies campus in Trinidad. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	WTO Awareness	200,000
		E-Commerce & IT	400,000
		Export Promotion	600,000
		Business Services & Training	400,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	400,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	200,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	200,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	400,000
		Tourism Sector Development	400,000
		Other Services Development	400,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	400,000
		Activity Total	4,000,000

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Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Training	Countries of the Caribbean sub-region are significant players in international wildlife trade and it is a priority to build their capacity to control and monitor this trade. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will provide, to participants of 14 countries from the Caribbean sub-region, (in September 2003) a one-week training course on the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to build their capacity to monitor and regulate international wildlife trade. The training will cover development of national legislation to implement CITES, implementation of CITES by Management and Scientific Authorities, the identification of specimens of CITES-listed plant and wildlife species, and controlling illegal trade in CITES-listed species of concern to the sub-region. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Interior.	Business Services & Training	13,050
		Environmental Trade & Standards	13,050
		Tourism Sector Development	2,900
		Activity Total	29,000
Improving the Competitiveness of the Poultry Sector	In November 2002, Food and Drug Administration/Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition/ Office of Plant, Dairy Foods and Beverages (FDA/CFSAN/OPDFB) sponsored a speaker/trainer at a workshop on Improving the Competitiveness of the Poultry Sector in the Caribbean, in Trinidad sponsored by Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Caribbean Poultry Association. Sanitary protocols for egg production, labeling and quality standards for eggs and poultry. Additional trainers from United States Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (USDA/APHIS/CFIA), and Canadian Egg Marketing Agency. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	2,400
		Other Trade Facilitation	2,400
		Activity Total	4,800
Modernization of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sector	This activity focuses on the upgrading of Sanitary and Phytosanitary legislation in the Organization for Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) countries and Barbados. It includes the training of personnel from both the public and private sectors in areas related to national food safety systems. The aim is to strengthen this sector in order to facilitate growth in the export of agricultural commodities from countries in the region. National consultations were convened in Antigua/Barbuda and St Lucia on Food Safety, Animal Health and Quarantine, and Plant Health. The relevant Acts and Regulations are being revised to reflect the views of these consultations. Similar consultations will be held in Barbados. Also, a regional workshop was held in Barbados with Food Safety, Animal Health, and Quarantine and Plant Health specialists from both the public and private sector. Recommendations are to be incorporated in the new Acts and Regulations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Agreement on SPS	350,000

Source: USG Trade Capacity Building Database, USAID Development Information Services, <http://qesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html>.

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Regional Legislative Drafting Facility	The Regional Legislative Drafting Facility was established to draft laws relating to trade, justice and security and HIV/AIDS issues for all the eighteen countries which are part of the Caribbean Community. One area of primary focus for the Facility is the drafting of laws that will enable the establishment of a Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME). In September 2002, the USAID approved funds to assist with the establishment of a Regional Legislative Drafting Facility based at the Caribbean Community Secretariat in Guyana. This Facility is now fully staffed and is drafting legislation for all Caribbean countries on matters related to justice and security, HIV/AIDS, and trade including the (CSME). Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	900,000
Small Hotels Environmental Activity	This activity provides assistance to the small hotel enterprises in: (1) conducting environmental assessments; (2) carrying out environmental management systems training; (3) establishing certification systems; (4) developing and disseminating information related to environmental improvements, and (5) assisting some of these hotels to achieve green certification. In FY02, 420 small hotels were exposed to environmental information, 60 environmental walkthroughs were executed, 7 hoteliers received financing for environmental improvements, and progress was made towards the establishment of key environmental policies and standards. Also, a cumulative total of 206 small tourism organizations in the region had adopted improved environmental practices by the end of FY 2002. In FY 03, there will be a continuation of these activities to enhance the competitiveness of small hotels, mainly in the Eastern Caribbean. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Environmental Trade & Standards	360,000
		Tourism Sector Development	90,000
		Activity Total	450,000
Small Tourism Enterprise Program (STEP)	This activity complements the Small Hotels Environmental activity by providing technical assistance and training to small hotels and other tourism enterprises to improve their competitiveness and sustainability, and to enhance their environmental management systems. Under this activity, a marketing mechanism for small hotel enterprises is being developed, and technical assistance is being given to establish an investment facility for this tourism sub-sector. Activities are mainly focused on the Eastern Caribbean. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Environmental Trade & Standards	715,000
		Tourism Sector Development	585,000
		Activity Total	1,300,000

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Small and Medium Sized Enterprise Development Program for Exports	This activity focuses on providing a program of business facilitation services to enable Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECA) enterprises to improve competitiveness, and expand market access and increase exports. The program provides firm level support in the areas of: (1) strategic planning, (2) benchmarking for best business practices, (3) computerization, (4) productivity tools, (5) business procedures, (6) market information, (7) training and access to short-term financing. Over the last review year, USAID helped 22 firms to improve the quality of their products to meet international requirements for exporting. Since applying new productivity techniques and marketing strategies, total export sales from these firms increased from 10% to 14.3%. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Customs Operation & Administration	65,700
		E-Commerce & IT	65,700
		Export Promotion	229,950
		Business Services & Training	229,950
		Trade-Related Agriculture	65,700
		Activity Total	657,000
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance (TIATA) Program	The Enforcement Team from the Treasury Department is providing resident advisors to government of Caribbean countries. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	475,000
Total FY 03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Caribbean NS			9,167,000